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COLLECTION AND PUBLICATION OF CALIFORNIA MINERAL STATISTICS

A cooperative agreement has been arranged between the State Division of Mines and the U. S. Bureau of Mines for the collection, processing, and publication of statistics on mineral production in California. The compilation of data on mineral production will be made available as each commodity or group of commodities is completed, and also by county, through the "Mineral Information Service" and later, when completely assembled, will be published in bulletin form by the State Division of Mines. It will also appear in various publications of the Federal Bureau of Mines.

As soon as possible after each December 1, a numbered list of producers will be prepared by the Federal Bureau and additions will be made by the State Division of Mines. To this list of firms statistical inquiries will be mailed by the Federal Bureau, which will also compile the returns from such inquiries. The State will publish by county and commodity totals only; confidential individual figures will be processed by the Federal Bureau; and figures representing the output of less than three producers will not be disclosed unless the Federal Bureau of Mines has obtained written permission to do so from the producers concerned.

NEW PUBLICATIONS ON CHROMITE IN CALIFORNIA

Two new advance chapters of Bulletin 134 entitled "Geological Investigations of Chromite in California" have just been issued in pamphlet form by the State Division of Mines as Chapters 1 and 2 of Part III. Chapter 1 covers Tuolumne and Mariposa Counties, and Chapter 2 covers Calaveras and Amador Counties. The author, Fred W. Cater, Jr., is geologist for the U. S. Geological Survey and the reports are results of strategic mineral investigations carried on during the war period. These reports contain maps showing the distribution of chromite ore bodies and the serpentine rocks in which they occur. History, description, and maps of properties in each district are given. It is stated that Tuolumne and Mariposa Counties have yielded over 6200 long tons of chromite and Calaveras and Amador over 7000.

The entire bulletin, when all parts are completed, will be bound together to form a sizeable bulletin covering chromite throughout the entire state. Parts I and II published previously cover deposits in the Klamath Mountains and Coast Ranges. Part III covers the occurrences of the Sierra Nevada. Chapter 3 of Part III covering Fresno County is now in press.